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## County of Sefferson State of Missouri

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Jim Talent . United States Senator 274 Russell Office Bldg. Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Talent:

As Presiding Commissioner for Jefferson County, Missouri and witnessing first hand the involvement of many of our residents in Meth production, I am in full support of the Combat Meth Act. In providing resources and tools to law enforcement and prosecutors will encourage the pursuit of distributors and combat the production and distribution of meth, therefore enhancing the quality of life in our communities.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Mertens Presiding Commissioner Jefferson County

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